

## ***Studies In The Book Of Daniel*** ***“The Resolute Man”***

### ***Lesson 1***

Please begin your study through the Book of Daniel by reading the entire book this week. Look for verses that would help you understand why Daniel wrote this book, what the main message and how this book applies to your life. Also read the “Book of Daniel Introduction”.

#### **Read Daniel 1:1 – 8**

**Introduction:** *There are three words that characterize Daniel’s life: purpose, prayer, and prophecy. Daniel was a man of purpose. He determined that he would not be defiled by the immorality of paganism or be involved in the degradation of idolatry. Daniel was a man of prayer. Daniel’s total life and every decision in a pagan court was a life paved by prayer. Daniel was a man of prophecy. The bulk of his book relates to prophetic themes. Our Lord labeled him “Daniel the prophet” Matthew 24:15. Daniel gives us the skeleton of prophecy on which all prophecy is placed. The study of prophecy should not lead to fanaticism or sensationalism. Rather, it should lead to a life of holiness and the fear of the Lord.*

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1. The Lord God spoke through the prophet Jeremiah concerning the nation Israel over and over again in regards to their rebellious ways of idolatry. What did God say to Israel in Jeremiah 25:1 – 13?
  - According to Daniel 1:1 – 2 what did the King of Babylon do to Jerusalem and to the house of God?

2. According Daniel 1:3 – 4 what qualifications did King Nebuchadnezzar have for recruiting young men to serve in his palace?  
(List the qualifications)

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3. How long of training would these young men go through and what requirements did the King specify for them according to Daniel 1: 5?

- Have you ever gone through personal training such as military, job or college? (Explain)

- How did that training help you to become the man you are today?

- According the Daniel 1: 4 – 5 what was the King's two goals he was trying to accomplish in training these young men?

1)

2)

4. Why do you think Daniel's and his friend's, names were changed from their original Hebrew names to a pagan Babylonian name?
- What name did Jesus give to Simon Bar-Jonah in Matthew 16:17 – 18?
  - According to Mark 3:17 what name did Jesus give to James and John?
  - What name do you think Jesus would give to you?
5. According to Daniel 1: 8 what two things did Daniel purposed in his heart to do?
- 1)
  - 2)
- What was Daniel's request to the chief of eunuchs and why is this such a critical decision in Daniel's young life?